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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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In re Application of

MARTHA J. HUBER, et al.,

For Construction Permit for a

New FM Station on Channel 234A

In New Albany, Indiana

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To: The Honorable Richard L. Sippel Administrative Law Judge

MOTION TO ENLARGE ISSUES AGAINST MARTHA J. HUBER

Staton Communications, Inc. ("Staton"), by its counsel and pursuant to Section 1.229(b)(3)¹/ of the Commission's Rules, hereby moves that the following issues be specified against Martha J. Huber ("Huber"):

To determine whether Martha J. Huber made misrepresentations or lacked candor when she certified in her original application that she was financially qualified; and

To determine, based upon the evidence adduced pursuant to the foregoing issue, whether Martha J. Huber possesses the qualifications to hold an FCC license.

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^{1/} The instant motion is timely filed pursuant to Section 1.229(b)(3) of the Commission's rules. Newly discovered evidence, specifically, documents produced pursuant to the financial issues added against Huber (Order, FCC 93 M-314), were received from Huber by Staton on July 7, 1993.

The Commission's Rules require that, at the time an applicant certifies qualifications its financial in its application, the applicant must have reasonable assurance of sufficient funds from committed sources. See, Revision of Application for Construction Permit for Commercial Broadcast Station (FCC Form 301), 4 FCC Rcd. 3853 (1989) [hereinafter Revision to FCC Form 301]. Huber did not satisfy this requirement, as the bank letter dated October 29, 1991 from Citizen's Fidelity Bank was a mere accommodation. Accordingly, Huber could not truthfully certify her financial qualifications and misrepresentation issue must be added against her.

The 1991 bank letter provided by Citizen's Fidelity Bank, a copy of which is included herewith as Attachment 1, is insufficient to support the reasonable assurance required before an applicant can certify its financial qualifications. The bank letter provides that it "would be interested" in making a loan to

Attachment 2 hereto. Moreover, Huber's October 1991 bank letter failed to specify an interest rate, merely referencing an interest rate which would be set "at a percentage increment" above prime, and was equally vague as to the term of the loan. The clear implication which may be drawn from these facts is that the bank was reluctant to commit to a loan for Huber's venture. Indeed, these very factors weighed considerably against Huber's financial qualifications, and have resulted in the addition of a financial issue against Huber. See Martha J. Huber, FCC 93M-314 (released June 1, 1993).

At the time the judge added the financial issue against Huber, he declined to designate a false certification issue because the facts were insufficient to raise a "substantial question of an intended misrepresentation." However, newly discovered evidence now reinforces the clear implication that Huber was not, in fact, financially qualified at the time of certification, and strongly suggests that Huber falsely certified knowing that the bank's loan commitment was unreliable. In response to document production pursuant to the judge's order, Huber could not produce any personal financial statements upon which the bank may have relied in issuing the October 1991 bank letter. Indeed, the October 1991 bank letter references no review of financial statements, credit worthiness or business plans, nor does it acknowledge a familiarity with Ms. Huber's financial condition as a result of an on-going banking relationship. But even more revealing is the fact that Ms. Huber

completed a Citizen's Fidelity Bank "Personal Financial Statement" on November 11, 1991, less than two weeks <u>after</u> the bank issued the letter upon which Huber relied. A copy of Huber's Personal Financial Statement is included herewith at Attachment 3. Thus, it was not until <u>Huber responded</u> to the judge's order which added the

sufficient reasonable basis upon which to certify her financial qualifications.

In response to scrutiny by competing applicants, Huber

Respectfully submitted,

STATON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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July 22, 1993



DRAFT BANK LETTER

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Martha J. Huber 1927 Plum Hill Way Flyds Knobs, Indiana 47119

Dear Ms. Huber:

It is our understanding you are filing an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a construction permit for a new FM broadcast station in New Albany, IN. This letter is to inform you that in the event you are awarded the authorization to construct the station and subject to the provisions outlined below, this bank is prepared to loan up to \$350,000 for the purpose of constructing and operating the station.

The loan would be for a period of five years with the interest at _____ percent above the bank's prime rate at the time. No principal payments would be required for the first year with equal quarterly payments thereafter. The collateral for the loan would be all the tangible assets of the station.

We understand that at this stage of the process the FCC does not require a contractually binding commitment, and this letter is not such a loan commitment. We do intend by this letter to assure you and the FCC of our

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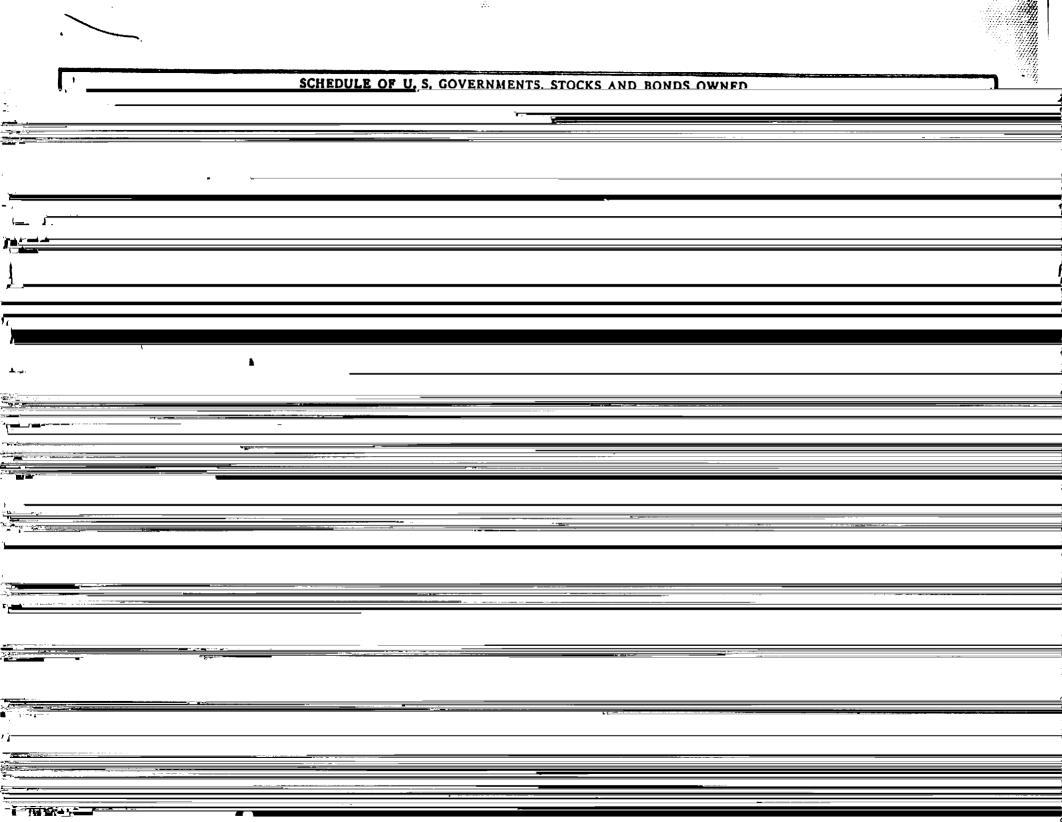
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For the purpose of procuring and maintaining credit from to time in any form whatsoever with Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company Indiana ("Bank"), for claims and demands against the undersigned, the undersigned submits the following as being a true and accurate statement of his, her or their financial condition on the following date, and agrees that if any change occurs that materially reduces the means or ability of the undersigned to pay all claims or demands against me, the undersigned will immediately and without delay notify the said Bank, and unless the Bank is so notified it may continue to rely upon the statement herein given as a true and accurate statement of the financial condition of the undersigned as of the close of business.

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Martha J. Huber 1927 Plum Hill Way Floyds Knobs, Indiana 47119

Dear Ms. Huber:

This letter will amplify upon my letter of October 29, 1991, in which our bank provided you will assurance of our intention to loan you up to \$350,000 to construct and to operate your proposed FM broadcast station in New Albany, Indiana.

First, this will confirm that you have been a customer of this bank for over twenty five years, an this bank was well aware of your financial condition in October 1991 and remains familiar with your financial condition today.

The purpose of my October 29, 1991 letter was to provide you with assurance of our intention to make the requested loan at the time your application is granted. As stated in the letter, the letter was not a contractually binding commitment, and no such commitment was made. However, based upon the bank's knowledge of your financial condition, we provided you with assurance that financing would be available, and you still have that assurance.

As noted in the letter, the interest on the loan would be one percent (a percent increment) above the bank's prime rate, subject to change from time to time. The bank's present prime rate is 6.00% and in October 1991, the bank's prime rate was 8.00%.

When I wrote that the loan "would be for a period as long as two to five years" I meant that a loan period of a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years would be acceptable to the bank. The exact term of the loan will be decided when the loan is made.

In short, the letter I wrote on October 29, 1991 remains valid and in effect, subject to the conditions contained in that letter.

Sincerely.

Leo Tierney

Senior Vice President PNC Bank, Indiana, Inc.

(Formerly Citizens Fidelity

Bank, Indiana)

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